GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BAIGA TRIBE
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Baiga tribe is on the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, the names of such other tribes which have been categorised as rare and extinct; and

(c) the schemes being implemented for the welfare of Baiga tribes alongwith the financial assistance provided by the Union Government during each of the last three years for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Details of primitive tribes who are small in number and whose population have declined during the decade 1981-1991 is as under.

State	Community	Population 1991	1981
Karnataka	Jenukuruba	29371	34747
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Shompens	131	223
	Great Andamanese	32	42

(c) Integrated Development approach has been adopted for the development of Baiga Tribe. Under this approach, micro level family, community and area development schemes under the sectors of education, food security, drinking water, health, employment generation and infrastructure development are implemented out of funds from State Plan and Special Central Assistance. Under a scheme of Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) introduced in 1998-99 the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh has been provided Rs.1.00 crore during 1998-99 and Rs.1.32 crore during 1999-2000 for the development of Primitive Tribal Groups including Baiga tribe.